

Clearly China would be harmed by any significant cutback in trade with an investment from the United States.

The problem is that any sizable cutback would also harm the United States and the world economy.

To avoid the high costs (and low probable benefits) that stem from the use of trade sanctions, Congress should consider using non-trade sanctions such as cutting of the flow of taxpayer-financed aid to China—including aid from the International Monetary Funds, the World Bank, and the Asian Development Bank.

Another possible non-trade sanction is making public the names of companies known to be using prison labor or companies run by the People's Liberation Army so that U.S. consumers can boycott their products.

The China Sanctions and Human Rights Advancement Act, S. 810, introduced in the 105th Congress by Sen. Spencer Abraham, R-Mich., lists those and other measures designed to move China toward a free society.

The 106th Congress should return to that and other legislation designed to change China's stand on human rights and to liberate the China people from religious and political prosecution.

(The passage of H.R. 2647, one of four "Freedom of China" bills enacted by the 105th Congress as part of the 1999 Defense Authorization Act, is a step in the right direction. That bill requires publication of the names of PLA-run companies operating in the United States.)

Congress should recognize that advancing economic freedom in China has had positive effects on the growth of China's civil society and on personal freedom.

According to Chinese dissident Wang Dan, "Economic change does influence political change. China's economic development will be good for the West as well as for the Chinese people."

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 221. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to permit certain youth to perform certain work with wood products.

H.R. 514. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen and clarify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping, and for other purposes.

H.R. 609. An act to amend the Export Apple and Pear Act to limit the applicability of the Act to apples.

H.R. 669. An act to amend the Peace Corps Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 through 2003 to carry out that Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 818. An act to amend the Small Business Act to authorize a pilot program for the implementation of disaster mitigation measures by small business.

H.R. 882. An act to nullify any reservation of funds during fiscal year 1999 for guaranteed loans under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act for qualified beginning farmers or ranchers, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 32. Joint resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the President and the Congress should join in undertaking the Social Security Guarantee Initiative to strengthen the Social Security program and protect the retirement income security of all Americans for the 21st century.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 6(b) of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended by section 346(e) of Public Law 105-83, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House to the National Council on the Arts: Mr. BALLENGER of North Carolina.

The message further announced that the provisions of subsection (c)(3) of the Trade Deficit Review Commission Act (division A, Public Law 105-277), the Speaker appoints the following person on the part of the House to the Trade Deficit Review Commission: Mrs. Carla Anderson Hills of Washington, D.C.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 221. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to permit certain youth to perform certain work with wood products; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 514. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen and clarify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 609. An act to amend the Export Apple and Pear Act to limit the applicability of the Act to apples; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 669. An act to amend the Peace Corps Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 through 2003 to carry out that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 818. An act to amend the Small Business Act to authorize a pilot program for the implementation of disaster litigation measures by small business; to the Committee on Small Business.

H.J. Res. 32. Joint resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the President and Congress should join in undertaking the Social Security Guarantee Initiative to strengthen the Social Security program and protect the retirement income security of all Americans for the 21st century; to the Committee on Finance.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 350. An act to improve congressional deliberations on proposed Federal private sector mandates, and for other purposes.

S. 508. A bill to prohibit implementation of "Know Your Customer" regulations by the Federal banking agencies.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1968. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report on the military

expenditures of countries receiving U.S. assistance in 1998; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1969. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director for Royalty Management, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of proposed refunds or recoupments of offshore lease revenues dated February 17, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1970. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, certification that the Future Years Defense Program fully funds the support costs of the E-2C "Hawkeye" multiyear procurement program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1971. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyriproxyfen; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6062-4) received on February 22, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1972. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Election in Respect of Losses Attributable to a Disaster" (Rev. Rul. 99-13) received on February 22, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1973. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States (99-14 to 99-18); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1974. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determination" (64 FR7107) received on February 22, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1975. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (64 FR7109) received on February 22, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1976. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determination" (Docket FEMA7272) received on February 22, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1977. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Freedom of Information Act Regulation" (RIN3069-AA71) received on February 22, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1978. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report under the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1979. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: Revisions to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) Administrative Code for the Air Pollution Control